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In re Application of: Richard J. Terrien *et al.*

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Entitled: Manually Controlled Skimming Of Industrial Oil Contaminants

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2002, with a three month period for response set to expire January 4, 2002. A Petition and fee requesting an extension of time of one month for responding accompanies this Response. This Response is therefore timely filed, and no further fees are believed to be due with this Response. However, if necessary, please charge any additional fees due, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **08-1290**.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A clean version of rewritten and/or added paragraphs and/or claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.121(b)(1)(i-ii) and 1.121(c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page 3 of this communication. A marked-up version of the rewritten paragraphs and/or claims pursuant

to 37 C.F.R. §§1.121(b)(1)(iii) and 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix 1. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix 2.